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23. (Amended) . The photographic element of Claim 22 wherein at least one upper shield layer protects said transparent polymer from fingerprints

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24. (Twice Amended) The photographic element of Claim 23 wherein said at least one upper shield layer comprises lubricants, film-forming polymeric binder and filler particles wherein said lubricant is selected from the group consisting of silicates, silicone based materials, fatty acids, fatty acid derivatives, alcohols, alcohol derivatives, fatty acid esters, fatty acid amides, polyhydric alcohol esters of fatty acids, paraffin, carnauba wax, natural waxes, synthetic waxes, petroleum waxes, mineral waxes, and fluoro-containing materials wherein said film forming binder is selected from the group consisting of polyurethanes, cellulose acetates, poly(methyl methacrylate), polyesters, polyamides, polycarbonates, polyvinyl acetate, proteins, protein derivatives, cellulose derivatives, polysaccharides, poly(vinyl lactams), acrylamide polymers, poly(vinyl alcohol), derivatives of poly(vinyl alcohol), hydrolyzed polyvinyl acetates, polymers of methacrylates, polymers of alkyl acrylates, polymers of sulfoalkyl acrylates, polyamides, polyvinyl pyridine, acrylic acid polymers, maleic anhydride copolymers, polyalkylene oxide, methacrylamide copolymers, polyvinyl oxazolidinones, maleic acid copolymers, vinyl amine copolymers, methacrylic acid copolymers, acryloyloxyalkyl sulfonic acid copolymers, vinyl imidazole copolymers, vinyl sulfide copolymers, homopolymer containing styrene sulfonic acid, copolymers containing styrene sulfonic acid, gelatin and combinations thereof and wherein said filler particles are selected from the group consisting of matte beads, silica, glass beads, pigments, and polymeric beads.

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25. (Amended) . The photographic element of Claim 23 wherein said at least one upper shield layer comprises wax esters of high fatty acids, silicates, carnauba wax, fluoro-containing materials, silica, polymeric beads, polyurethanes, polycarbonates and/or gelatin.

26. (Amended) The photographic element of Claim 22 wherein at least one upper shield layer protects said transparent polymer sheet from scratches.

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27. (Twice Amended) The photographic element of Claim 26 wherein said at least one upper shield layer comprises lubricants, film-forming polymeric binder and filler particles wherein said lubricant is selected from the group consisting of silicates, silicone based materials, fatty acids, fatty acid derivatives, alcohols, alcohol derivatives, fatty acid esters, fatty acid amides, polyhydric alcohol esters of fatty acids, paraffin, carnauba wax, natural waxes, synthetic waxes, petroleum waxes, mineral waxes, and fluoro-containing materials wherein said film forming binder is selected from the group consisting of polyurethanes, cellulose acetates, poly(methyl methacrylate), polyesters, polyamides, polycarbonates, polyvinyl acetate, proteins, protein derivatives, cellulose derivatives, polysaccharides, poly(vinyl lactams), acrylamide polymers, poly(vinyl alcohol), derivatives of poly(vinyl alcohol), hydrolyzed polyvinyl acetates, polymers of methacrylates, polymers of alkyl acrylates, polymers of sulfoalkyl acrylates, polyamides, polyvinyl pyridine, acrylic acid polymers, maleic anhydride copolymers, polyalkylene oxide, methacrylamide copolymers, polyvinyl oxazolidinones, maleic acid copolymers, vinyl amine copolymers, methacrylic acid copolymers, acryloyloxyalkyl sulfonic acid copolymers, vinyl imidazole copolymers, vinyl sulfide copolymers, homopolymer containing styrene sulfonic acid, copolymers containing styrene sulfonic acid, gelatin and combination thereof wherein said filler particles are selected from the group consisting of matte beads, silica, glass beads, pigments, and polymeric beads.

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33. (Twice Amended) The photographic element of Claim 26 wherein said at least one upper shield layer has scratch resistance of greater than 3 grams.

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34. (Amended) The photographic element of Claim 22 wherein said at least one upper shield comprises more than one functional layer

REMARKS

Basis for the amendment to claim 1 may be found at page 5, lines 15 -21 and at page 6, lines 29-30 of the specification.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 22-37 and 39 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over the combination of